

DEATH OF MR. D. G. WORTH.

OUR WHOLE COMMUNITY BOWED IN SORROW.

A Life That is a Priceless Heritage to a Devoted Family and a Worthy Exemplar for All Men—Beautiful Tributes by Dr. Hoge, Colonel Waddell and the Produce Exchange—Other Bodies to Attend the Funeral This Morning at 11 O'Clock.

There passed from life unto death on Sunday night at 11:15 o'clock, at his residence, 411 South Front street, Mr. D. G. Worth, one of Wilmington's most prominent citizens and leading business men. After a long and painful illness he passed away in the 66th year of his age, leaving a devoted family consisting of a sorely bereaved wife and three sons, Messrs. Charles W. Worth, member of the firm of Worth & Worth, Dr. George C. Worth, a missionary at Wush, China, and Mr. James S. Worth deputy collector of the port of Wilmington.

David Gaston Worth was the only son of the late Governor Jonathan Worth and was born at Ashboro, Randolph county, N. C., in 1831, and consequently was in the 66th year of his age. He received a collegiate education and graduated with distinction at the University of the State. After leaving college he embarked in the turpentine business for a brief period, until 1861, when he came to Wilmington, which he made his future home. In 1865 he formed a copartnership in business with the late N. Green Daniel, who is so favorably remembered by our citizens, under the firm name of Worth & Daniel, for the transaction of a general commission business, which proved eminently successful and which continued up to the time of Mr. Daniel's death, when the present firm of Worth & Worth was organized. Of the successful business career of that firm it is not necessary to speak, it is known



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of all men as being one of the most conservative and one of the staunchest business houses in North Carolina. And it owes its success in a great measure to the activity, the unflinching energy and untiring industry of him whose departure we are now called upon to mourn, for he devoted all the powers of his active mind to make it what it now is.

If called upon to name the most prominent characteristic of Mr. Worth, we should say that integrity formed its basis; he was an honest man in the broadest acceptance of the term. Nothing could swerve him from what he believed to be right, he was sincere in everything and hated shams of every kind, and was one of the last men on earth who could "bend the pregnant hinges of the knee that thrift might follow fawning." His actions were governed by principles and he could not be swayed from the performance of what he regarded as a duty in business or in morals, by any allurements that might be offered him, it mattered not how tempting they might be. His judgment was remarkable and seldom led him into error in his business transactions. He had no ambition for political life, but believing that the "post of honor was a private station" he kept aloof from the turmoil and excitement of politics and was content in the faithful discharge of the every day duties of life. He had the entire confidence of his fellowmen and his honesty of purpose and unblemished integrity were plainly exemplified in every action of his life.

Such a combination of qualities could but insure a marked success in any undertaking in business, and in his case his labors were abundantly rewarded, for prosperity came to him in full measure and without, as is too often the case, chilling the kindly impulses of the heart, for he remained the same modest, unassuming candid man as he had always been from his early youth. He was for some years president of the Produce Exchange of this city and succeeded the late Hon. R. R. Bridgers as president of the Navassa Guano Company, which latter position he held until his failing health compelled him to retire from active business and discharged the duties of both to the entire satisfaction of the public. For many years he was a trustee of the University of North Carolina, educating his sons there, and honoring his alma mater with substantial gifts. He was somewhat reserved in manner and not given to making professions, but was charitable and liberal to those in need, giving freely of his abundance to the poor, to the church and to educational institutions. He was a consistent member of the First Presbyterian church of this city and for a long time held the position of deacon and the higher one of elder in that communion.

He was a true man in every respect, to his friends and family and to his fellowman, and true as poor frail mortality can be, to his God, and was a noble type of our highest manhood—a modest Christian gentleman. The death of such a man is a loss not only to the community of which he was a member, but to the state at large, for it is such men as he, men of principle and men of prayer, who give dignity and character to a state.

Mr. Worth married in early life Miss Stickney, of New York, a most estimable lady, and their union was blessed with eight children, but she and three sons are all that survive him, the others having passed away some years ago.

Our city has lost one of its most useful and valued citizens, and society, a prominent and honored member who was distinguished alike for his morality and virtue and his keen observances of all the proprieties of life.

DR. HOGG'S TRIBUTE.

Mr. Worth has been for long years a member of the First Presbyterian church and for many years has been a ruling elder. He was a liberal supporter of the church and his loss is sadly felt by the pastor and congregation.

Dr. Hoge, the pastor of the First Presbyterian church, says of him:

The first thing that impressed me about the character of Mr. Worth, was its integrity. With him this included all that is ordinarily involved in the term—the careful truthfulness of every word, the thorough honesty of every act, the scrupulous fidelity to every obligation—but it included more. He was a man "integer vitae." He had that "wholeness" of nature that belongs to those who have never tampered with conscience, or perverted the powers with which nature had endowed them. It was this that gave him the clearness of vision that detected every sophistry by which wrong is made to appear right; the soundness of judgment by which he knew always the best thing to do, and the full rounded conception of duty, the large and liberal views, that made him so valuable to city and state and church.

When you knew him better you were impressed with his tenderness—his chivalry towards women, his sweetness to children, his gentle courtesy to all. You saw the depth of his affection for his family and friends, his sympathy with those in trouble or sorrow, and his compassion for all the needy and suffering. The latter took the form of a broadminded and large-hearted liberality that was dispensed as modestly as it was given generously. His large benefactions to the Y. M. C. A., to the state university, to the Synod's Orphans Home and to his church, could not escape notice; but there was a steady stream of benevolence which was known only to the beneficiaries and to those through whom it was dispensed. As the only son in a large family, there also fell to him the guardianship of a widening family circle, to all of whom he extended a father's care and from whom he receives an affection and honor which is the reward only of labors of love.

But when you knew Mr. Worth best, you found that a profound spirituality lay at the basis of his character. His habitual modesty and reserve kept him from often speaking of his spiritual feelings. At the close of his life he felt that he had erred in not giving freer testimony to God's grace. But in his public prayers all who heard him felt that he was no stranger to the secret place of the Most High. He had been for many years a most excellent teacher of the Scriptures in the Sunday school. And when he unobtrusively himself to those who were closest to him in his religious life, he revealed a devout faith in God, a simple dependence on His grace for pardon and strength, and a humble submission of his will to God's that is known only to those who sit at the feet of Jesus.

His religious character has been tried in the last few years by two great tests. The first was the giving up of his son, Dr. George C. Worth, to go as a medical missionary to China. When he learned of his son's purpose he facilitated it in every way possible, gave him the fullest and most liberal training, equipped him thoroughly with everything necessary for his highest efficiency, and sent him forth with his approbation and blessing. But it rent his very heartstrings.

The other was the sudden and complete prostration of his health, and the weight of suffering that has laid upon him for the last two years. It is not easy for the strong man to bow himself, nor for the busy man of affairs to drop all his plans and activities and leave the reins for other hands to drive. But under this fiery test the gold came out fine gold. It has seemed strange to others that one who had led such a life should be so afflicted. That thought has never been his. His only fear has been lest in the extremity of his sufferings he might sin against God. But his trust knew no wavering. There was no shadow over his soul. He waited for his release as one watching for the morning. It came for him, as it did years ago for another honored elder of this church (Mr. Gibbs) on the communion Sabbath. On the day when the congregation that he loved sat at the Master's table on earth, the summons came for him, "Friend come up higher."

MR. WORTH AT THE UNIVERSITY. Last evening the Hon. A. M. Waddell was seen by a Messenger representative, and he said:

"You ask me for a brief expression

of my sentiments upon the death of David G. Worth. It is hard to do justice to such a character in a few words. Although several years my senior, he was my classmate at the university, and I have known him well for forty-five years. I never knew a truer or more honorable gentleman. He was one of the "first honor" men of his class, and exhibited throughout his college career the same characteristics which marked his subsequent life. Quiet, modest, manly, and kindly he commanded the respect of faculty and students alike. He possessed more than ordinary ability, and applied himself with diligence to his studies, while he conscientiously performed every duty. He had none of the vices or bad habits to which young men are so often inclined, although he was full of vivacity. The university never had a student of whom she could more justly be proud, and of late years has had few, if any, more generous benefactors. Of his life for the last thirty-five years or more here in Wilmington, it would be useless to speak. As a clear-headed merchant and business man, as a public spirited citizen, as an open-handed friend and benefactor of the poor and distressed, and as a faithful and exemplary Christian, he stood pre-eminent in this community. He bore a long and painful illness with the resignation and patience which only such a character could exhibit, and has at last entered upon the rest which remaineth for the people of God, leaving to his family an honored name, and to his friends and acquaintances a memory that will "smell sweet and blossom in the dust."

Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, the president of the university, arrived in the city last evening to attend the funeral of Mr. Worth. Dr. Alderman comes as the representative of the university to pay this last tribute to the memory of one of its noblest sons, wisest trustees, and most generous benefactors. Memorial services in honor of Mr. Worth will be held in Gerard Hall at the university on Friday, the 26th.

Mr. Worth graduated at the university in the class of 1853, as one of the first honor men. He has always since taken a deep interest in the university and up to his death has been one of the trustees. He endowed the chair of history, and has been very generous and liberal to the institution in many ways. When a student at the university he belonged to the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, and in after years was one of the most liberal contributors towards the building and furnishing of the fraternity hall. He was also one of the largest donors towards the construction of the alumni hall, and recently himself had the chapel remodeled and furnished. His death will, indeed, be a loss to the university, and President Alderman deeply feels it.

THE PRODUCE EXCHANGE.

Yesterday morning notice of Mr. Worth's death was posted at the Wilmington Produce Exchange, of which he was a former president, and the rooms were draped in mourning as a mark of respect to his memory.

Mr. Oscar Pearsall, president of the exchange, also called a meeting of the exchange at 3:30 p. m. to take action with reference to the great loss that body has sustained in the death of Mr. Worth. The meeting was accordingly held at the time designated and it was the fullest meeting of the exchange ever held. Those in attendance were: President Oscar Pearsall, Secretary John L. Cantwell, and Messrs. D. L. Gore, H. G. Smallbones, W. A. Whitehead, W. G. Whitehead, James Sprunt, G. J. Boney, T. C. James, J. W. Norwood, W. B. Cooper, John K. Williams, M. S. Willard, C. E. Borden, C. H. Robinson, William Calder, Colonel Roger Moore, George Harris, H. C. McQueen, C. J. Michell, H. K. Nash, John E. Crow, E. Lilly, M. J. Corbett, B. F. Hall, Captain Henry Savage, S. P. McNair, Captain W. R. Kenan, Colonel Wm. L. DeRosset, Colonel Walker Taylor, James H. Chadbourn, James H. Chadbourn, Jr., A. H. Brenner, T. M. Emerson, F. Pearsall, John F. McNair and R. R. Stone.

The meeting was called to order by President Pearsall, who feelingly announced the death of the former president and member of the exchange, and stated that the meeting had been called to take action concerning the death of one who had been so influential in the body and who was so greatly beloved by all. He asked what action the exchange desired to take.

Mr. James Sprunt arose and, amid the sadness of those assembled, read the following beautiful tribute:

"The silver cord is loosed, the golden bowl is broken; the dust shall return to the earth as it was, and the spirit has returned unto God who gave it." As we review the life and character of the good man whose lamented death has brought us in sorrow here today, we are oppressed with a sense of an irreparable loss which has fallen upon our community and upon our commonwealth. He was a true example of the high-toned Christian gentleman, who, having the law of his Maker engraven on his heart, had learned to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with his God.

For nearly forty years, he was a conspicuous and honored supporter of the moral and material development of Wilmington. In every step of his progress we find his guiding hand and his generous heart. Of dignified and commanding presence, of marked intellectual discernment, and of superior business sagacity, he exemplified in his busy life those traits of perseverance, firmness and inflexible honesty which are the foundation stones of permanent success.

In private life, he was as modest and as tender, as a woman; and those who knew him best, remember with gratefulness, his unfeigned and cordial devotion to his friends. In all the relations of his well spent years, he was strong, and just, and true. His humanities were sincere and manifold. The tender, gentle side of his character, which the world does not know, is that which is most precious to his loved ones.

He was one whose creed found its

full expression in deeds, not in words. His big heart was ever ready to sympathize with the unfortunate, and the distressed, and many of his acts of kindness were only known to those who were blessed by his bounty.

His deep interest in philanthropic and Christian work, and especially in the cause to which he gave a devoted son, was constantly manifested by an unstinted and unostentatious liberality; and whatever he undertook, he did well and thoroughly.

The strongest characteristic of his exemplary life, was his unswerving truthfulness. We remember with loving admiration, that during an unbroken friendship extending over thirty years, he never spoke a word, he never wrote a line, that was not the absolute, unquestionable truth. Yes, truth was the ideal, the motive, the guiding star of his life; and no condition nor circumstance could wring from his honest heart, the smallest prevarication.

For more than a year he had been racked with almost ceaseless pain, but his afflictions were borne with that fortitude which comes with an abiding faith in God; and he was enabled by His grace, which was made perfect in his weakness, to look with calmness and content upon the approach of that dread messenger, which must come to us all. His work was accomplished in the flood tide of his usefulness, and "after he had served his generation, by the will of God he fell asleep," having performed the whole duty of man, in that he feared God, and kept his commandments.

Such, Mr. President, and gentlemen, is the noble life; of devotion to duty; of unquestioning faith; of heroic fortitude. Take it to your hearts; teach it to your children; for he was a man, take him for all in all, we shall not look upon his like again."

President Pearsall said all concurred with the handsome tribute paid by Mr. Sprunt, and said it would be in order to appoint a committee to prepare suitable resolutions.

On motion of Mr. C. H. Robinson, the president appointed Messrs. William Calder, Charles H. Robinson and D. L. Gore, as committee on resolutions.

The committee then retired, and in their absence the meeting was opened for remarks.

Mr. B. F. Hall said: "My sense of personal loss in the death of Mr. David G. Worth is very great. But, speaking from the standpoint of his public worth, references already made to his unswerving truthfulness call to mind the climax used by the inspired writer in describing the character of the good and honest man, as 'he that sweareth to his own hurt and repenteth not.' I know of no one to whom these words could be applied with greater propriety, than to him whose death we now mourn."

President Pearsall remarked that the deep sadness that pervaded this meeting, was perhaps the strongest tribute that could be paid to Mr. Worth.

Colonel Roger Moore said: "I wish to add my feeble testimony to the memory of Mr. Worth. I have known him long and well. He was my personal friend, and proved himself my friend on more than one occasion. He was always my friend, and he showed it in many ways. He was a man of the highest sense of honor and integrity, truthfulness and generosity. To his generosity and liberality the Young Men's Christian Association, of which his son, George C. Worth, was the founder, was indebted more than any one else. What he did for charity was done quietly and he never let anyone know what he did. He may have had faults, but his virtues were many and his model is a worthy example for all to follow."

Colonel W. L. DeRosset said: "It is very sad to those left behind to pay tribute to one who has been a friend by association and in business. I have been acquainted with Mr. Worth from youth. I knew him at Chapel Hill in 1849, and I knew and liked him. He was always good, and in college he was a man of honor, integrity, and truthfulness. A long friendship existed between us lasting nearly a half century, and his death is a great loss to me. His loss to the community is great and it would be great to any community."

The committee on resolutions returned, and Mr. Calder read their report, as follows:

The death of David Gaston Worth comes like a personal loss to each one of us. Although removed from our daily walks for the past several months, our thoughts and hearts have been with him during his brave struggle with the inexorable adversary. But it was hardly as an adversary that death came to him at last. To one of such an upright mind, exalted faith, and pure, unselfish life, the future had no terrors. He has gone to the rest and reward which he had nobly won, leaving to his fellow-merchants an example of upright living, unblemished honor, and a success achieved by the observance only of the strictest commercial rectitude, a success which brought with it no envy or reproach from others, but only gratitude, respect and blessing.

He entered earnestly and enthusiastically into all enterprises for the advancement of this community, and the enlargement of its commercial and municipal importance, and we have never had a citizen more zealous for our welfare, or more ready to sacrifice his time and means for the public good.

A man of strong convictions he took no middle ground on any question, and gave no uncertain evidence of his position. Earnest in his friendships, and of large charity, there was no more zealous supporter of whatever engaged his sympathies, or had the warrant of his judgment. These strong characteristics he carried into public as well as private affairs, making him an earnest advocate, and steadfast friend and counselor.

It is as these latter we most tenderly recall him now and in the exercise of his noblest attributes no man stood higher.

He gave freely not only of his means, but also of his sympathies and his love, and many in this community owe him more of either than they could repay, but his benefactions, we may be sure, will not be forgotten in the day of the great reckoning.

Resolved, That, sympathizing with

his family in their bereavement, a copy of these resolutions be sent to them, and the secretary is directed to spread them on our minutes, and furnish a copy to the press of the city.

On motion of Mr. G. J. Boney, the report was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

On motion of Mr. H. C. McQueen, the exchange decided to meet at the exchange at 10 o'clock this morning, and in a body go thence to the residence, and attend the funeral at the First Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock.

The president asked if there were any further remarks, and Mr. D. L. Gore said: "Mr. Worth was one of the best men in this community, and his loss is more than we can express in words. I have known him long, and he was always my friend."

Mr. C. E. Borden moved that, as Mr. Worth was such a leader in Israel, and was so greatly beloved by all, that it is the sense of this meeting that the rooms of the exchange be closed, and that business be suspended and stores be closed from 10:30 a. m. till 12 M.

Mr. G. J. Boney seconded the motion, and said that he had intended to close his business anyhow, and that a general suspension of business was due to the memory of such a man as Mr. Worth.

The motion was then adopted, and the meeting adjourned.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Mr. Worth was a former president of the Chamber of Commerce, and President James H. Chadbourn, Jr., has called upon that body to meet at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon to take suitable action concerning the death of their ex-president and member. He also ordered that the members of the chamber meet at its rooms at 10 o'clock this morning to go in a body to the residence and attend the funeral at the First Presbyterian church.

MEMORIAL SERVICES AT THE Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Worth's death is a severe loss to the Young Men's Christian Association. He has always been its most staunch supporter in a financial way and in all directions. He was one of the most faithful attendants, and since its foundation has been a director and trustee. He was hardly ever missed from the board and committee meetings, and took a great interest in everything connected with the association work. When money was to be raised, he not only went out in that interest, but, while few knew it, his donations to the building and work amounted not to hundreds, but thousands of dollars.

The association has appointed a delegation to attend the funeral, and they and as many members as can attend, will leave the Y. M. C. A. hall at 10:30 a. m. for the residence and go thence to the church to attend the sad rites.

Next Sunday the association will hold memorial services and pay fitting tribute to the memory of its great benefactor.

THE FUNERAL THIS MORNING.

The funeral of Mr. Worth will take place this morning at 11 o'clock from the First Presbyterian church.

Among the relatives who have arrived in the city are the deceased's five sisters, Mrs. R. C. McNeill, of Cumberland county; Mrs. J. J. Jackson, of Pittsboro; Mrs. E. E. Moffitt, Mrs. C. S. Jackson, and Mrs. Hattie W. Bagley, of Raleigh; Mr. Herbert W. Jackson, his nephew, assistant cashier of the Commercial and Farmers' bank, Raleigh; H. A. London, Esq., editor of the Pittsboro Record, who married a niece, and the Hon. Josephus Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, who also married a niece of the deceased.

The funeral of the lamented Mr. David G. Worth took place yesterday at 11 a. m. at the First Presbyterian church. The cortege moved to the church from the residence, 411 South Front street, and the great throng gathered there attested the deep respect and love of a sorrowing people for him who has gone forever from our midst.

At the church there was a great outpouring of people of all classes, including many colored people who feel the death of Mr. Worth very deeply. The Produce Exchange and the Chamber of Commerce attended as bodies, and the Merchants' Association was represented by the following delegation: Major Wm. A. Johnson, P. Heinsberger, W. C. VonGlahn, J. H. Hardin, C. W. Polvogt, John L. Boatwright, L. Stein, E. H. Sneed, A. D. Brown, J. A. Springer, B. H. J. Ahrens, Benj. Bell, J. F. Garrell, W. H. Bernhardt, J. C. Munds, Henry VonGlahn, and D. C. Love.

Professor J. G. Russell, the organist, played a sad voluntary, "He Giveth His Beloved Sleep," while the remains were borne in, and after a few opening sentences by the Rev. Dr. Hoge, who officiated, he made a tender and appropriate prayer. He then read Psalm 90, after which a quartette composed of Miss Mary Lilly Kenan, Miss Mamie Stiles, Mr. Will Rehder, and Mr. Charles V. Motte, sang the sweet and solemn hymn beginning, "Just as I Am, without One Plea." Then followed the Scripture readings, after which Miss Kenan touchingly sang as a solo, "I've Found a Friend." Dr. Hoge then said:

"An occasion like this is more eloquent than words. So I need not repeat here what I have expressed elsewhere in appreciation of the character of our departed friend, nor need I review the noble testimonials that have come from other loving hearts. But in reading with sympathetic interest these tributes of affection, I have felt that there was one element of our friend's

character upon which sufficient emphasis had not been laid, and that was his humility.

When the hand of suffering and disease was laid upon him, and numbers whom he had helped and befriended in many ways seized the opportunity to show their love and gratitude, he was simply overwhelmed, and constantly expressed his wonder that he should be the object of so much love and kindness. But if his humility towards his fellow men was great, his humility towards his God was greater. Recently when he was expressing to me the difficulty of enduring physical anguish with patience, I ventured to remind him of the promise, 'My grace is sufficient for thee.' 'Oh,' he said, 'that is all there is of it. I could not endure a day or an hour without that grace.' And in his hopes of acceptance with God, he thought of none of those things of which we think—his blameless life, his abundant good works, his large benefactions—he only thought of the merit and mediation of a crucified Saviour. He repeatedly expressed his disavowal of every other hope but that in a divine and sufficient Saviour.

And it is only through such a faith that such a character can be formed. And my highest prayer for this city, for this commonwealth, for our country, for this church and for the whole church of God, is that they may never lack for men who through such a faith achieve such a character—men who do justly, who love mercy and walk humbly with their God."

Upon conclusion of Dr. Hoge's remarks, he made a feeling prayer, and then the quartette sang the hymn beginning, "Hark, Hark, My Soul."

The remains were removed from the church while the organist rendered the solemn funeral march by Beethoven.

A great concourse joined the cortege to Oakdale cemetery. At the grave there was a prayer, followed by a solo by Miss Kenan, who sang the hymn beginning, "Asleep in Jesus." After the benediction the remains were sadly interred amid the sorrow of all who had gathered on this sad occasion. The grave was covered with beautiful floral designs, including a very handsome one secured from Richmond, Va., and sent by the Chamber of Commerce, of which body Mr. Worth was at one time the esteemed president.

The honorary pallbearers consisted of President Edwin A. Alderman, of the state university, and the eleven remaining ruling elders of the First Presbyterian church, Mr. Worth being the twelfth, viz: Captain W. R. Kenan, Colonel John D. Taylor, and Messrs. James Sprunt, H. H. Munson, John McLaurin, A. A. Willard, Samuel Northrop, W. S. Warlock, B. G. Worth, B. F. Hall and C. H. Robinson.

The active pallbearers were Colonel Wm. L. DeRosset, Colonel Roger Moore, Colonel A. M. Waddell, Dr. W. J. H. Bellamy, Dr. George Gillett Thomas, and Messrs. H. C. McQueen, W. A. Riach and James H. Chadbourn, Jr.

During the funeral business was suspended and the stores were closed out of respect to the memory of Mr. Worth. The Wilmington cotton mills also shut down to allow the operatives to attend the funeral, and the flag on the armory of the Wilmington Light Infantry was at half mast during the day.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

In accordance with the call of President Chadbourn, the Chamber of Commerce met yesterday at 3:30 p. m., those in attendance being:

President James H. Chadbourn, Jr., First Vice President Walker Taylor, Secretary John L. Cantwell and Messrs. James H. Chadbourn, W. R. Kenan, J. Allen Taylor, Samuel Northrop, E. S. Martin, G. Z. French, J. C. Stevenson, F. H. Stedman, H. C. McQueen, H. G. Smallbones, P. B. Manning, B. F. Hall, A. J. Howell, Jr., C. C. Chadbourn, T. W. Clawson, J. H. Cowan, T. C. James, James Sprunt, H. K. Nash, B. F. Keith, Samuel Bear, Andrew Smith, Benj. Bell, M. C. S. Noble, Fredell Meares, W. M. Cumming, Don. MacRae, M. W. Jacobi, Rev. Dr. Robert Strange, H. McL. Green, Colonel Jno. D. Taylor.

President Chadbourn called the meeting to order and said:

"This meeting has been called to take action concerning the death of our late president and member, Mr. David G. Worth. I suppose it may be in order to appoint a committee to draft suitable resolutions, and if some member will make the motion the chair will be pleased to appoint such committee."

It was moved by Mr. P. B. Manning, Esq., and seconded, that a committee be appointed to draft suitable resolutions expressing the feeling of the chamber regarding the death of Mr. Worth. Messrs. J. A. Taylor, P. B. Manning and F. H. Stedman were thereupon appointed as that committee. They retired and the president stated that in their absence the meeting was open for remarks.

E. S. Martin, Esq., arose and said: "Mr. President, this is indeed a sad and solemn occasion. We are here to mourn the loss of one of nature's noblemen and to give vent to the pent up feelings of sorrow which weigh down the heart."

David G. Worth is dead, "and the mourners go about the streets," for "know ye not that there is a Prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?" The life of David G. Worth was a joy to many—it was a joy to the home circle, over which he presided with love and tenderness—a joy to the friends who loved and honored him—a joy to those in sorrow and want, to whom he gave freely—a joy to those who were perplexed with the affairs of this troublesome life, to whom his wise counsel and helping hand were as beacon lights to guide, and a life boat to save—it was a joy to this community to feel and believe that among its citizens it held such a man. He stood, sir, like a great rock in a weary land, under whose kindly shadow the way-worn might rest and refresh themselves with the contemplation of the massiveness and solidity of his character, unshaken by any storm. But the black shadow of death has swept away that joy from

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